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TAGS: OREP (CHALES DIGGS)  
SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DESIRE CODEL DIGGS TO MEET OFFICIALS  
AND VIEW PROJECTS OUTSIDE LAGOS IN COURSE OF ANTI-APARTHEID  
CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD STRONGLY DISCOURAGE CONGRESSMAN  
DIGGS IN THIS REGARD FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

-- AS IS EVIDENT FROM SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE (SEPTTEL)  
FUL ROUND OF ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BEGINNING AUGUST 20 AND  
ENDING AUGUST 27.

-- WE UNDERSTAND EACH STATE EXPECTED TO SEND DELEGATION  
TO CONFERENCE AND THUS MANY KEY OFFICIALS MAY BE UNAVAILABLE  
IN HO  
E REGIONS.

-- WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF TRIP TO KANO, SCHEDULED  
AUGUST 27, HIGH LEVEL FOREIGN VISITORS EXPECTED TO BE ACTIVE  
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IN CONFERENCE SESSIONS THROUGHOUT WEEK. BEST OPPORTUNITY  
FOR INTERACTION WITH BOTH NIGERIAN AND FOREIGN DELEGATES WILL  
BE AT CONFERENCE DURING WEEK.

-- WE EXPECT NIGERIAN TRANSPORTATION, PARTICULARLY AIR  
(AND AIRPORT CONDITIONS), TO BE EVEN MORE UNCERTAIN THAN NORMAL.  
WE ALSO EXPECT HEAVILY INCREASED SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS TO BE IN

EFFECT IN LAGOS AND THROUGHOUT COUNTRY DURING CONFERENCE. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS COULD SERIOUSLY IMPEDE MOVEMENT, ESPECIALLY IN AND OUT OF LAGOS.

-- EMBASSY RESOURCES BOTH IN PERSONNEL AND TRANSPORTATION WILL BE FULLY COMMITTED IN LAGOS ITSELF DURING PERIODS OF CONFERENCE. ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES OUTSIDE LAGOS WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT OTHER U.S. CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS.

-- FINALLY, AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, OFFICIAL PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN MEA CLEARANCE TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF ANY TRAVEL. IF CODEL WISHES TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE LAGOS, DETAILED SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MEA ASAP AND MIGHT BE CANCELLED AT LAST MINUTE FOR SECURITY REASONS.

2. THUS, WE BELIEVE CODEL TRAVEL IN NIGERIA OUTSIDE LAGOS DURING CONFERENCE WOULD BE LOGISTICALLY EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY DETRACT FROM CODEL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, IF CODEL, HAVING BEEN APPRISED OF SITUATION, CONTINUES TO DESIRE TRAVEL OUTSIDE LAGOS, WE WOULD SUGGEST POSSIBILITY THAT CODEL GO TO KANO ON AUGUST 27 WITH OTHER CONFEREES AND THEN UTILIZE REMAINING DAYS FOR REGIONAL VISITS.

3. THERE ARE OTHER TRIP OPTIONS FEATURING VISITS TO  
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IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN WHICH US INVOLVED. EXAMPLE:  
(A) OFFSHORE OIL PRODUCTION AREA OF AMERICAN PETROLEUM COMPANY, CROSS RIVER STATE; (B) CONSTRUCTION SITE OF NEW MAJOR PIPELINE BEING BUILT BY US COMPANY, RIVERS STATE; (C) GIANT AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN WHICH US FIRM CONVERTING HUNDREDS OF MILES OF BUSHLAND INTO MODERN AGRICULTURAL PLANTATION, BENDEL STATE; (D) HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION BY US FIRM, ONDO STATE, COMBINED WITH INSPECTION OF AID-FINANCED FAMILY HEALTH AND PLANNING CENTER, OYO STATE. THESE TRIPS WOULD ORIGINATE FROM LAGOS; OIL FIELD TRIP WOULD BE MADE BY COMPANY PLANE WHILE OTHER JOURNEYS WOULD BE BY CAR OR BY COMBINATION COMMERCIAL PLANE/ CAR. RE OTHER KEY ACTIVITIES HAVING US PARTICIPATION, TWO COULD BE EXAMINED WITHOUT LEAVING LAGOS AREA. TOWARD THIS END WE COULD ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS OF LAGOS INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR AND CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

4. WE FURTHER BELIEVE TRAVEL TO LOME DURING WEEK OF CONFERENCE WILL BE UNCERTAIN BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS IN LAGOS AND RECOMMEND CODEL SCHEDULE LOME STOP BEFORE OR AFTER NIGERIA VISIT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE CODEL DESIRES  
SAP.

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